



Memorandum

Date: March 2, 1999
To: CALFED Policy Group
From: Lester A. Snow *may be line for*
Subject: ROD/Findings for Final EIS/EIR

Summary:

Following release of the Draft EIS/EIR, an opportunity for public comment, and responses to those comments, CALFED will issue a Final EIS/EIR together with the Record of Decision (ROD), Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Certification that the document was prepared in compliance with CEQA. The required contents of these documents is described in the attached memorandum. With the Resources Agency (as the State Lead Agency) and each of the six federal co-lead agencies (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) needing to agree on the content of these documents and approve them, the process will be complex.

Under NEPA, there is a minimum 30 day review period between the Final EIS/EIR and the decision on the project. (The ROD is adopted at the time of the decision.) However, a minimum of 60 days is probably necessary between the Final EIS/EIR and the adoption of the ROD to ensure time for review and concurrence on the contents of these documents.

CALFED staff is preparing a more detailed outline of the contents of these documents that may provide a guide to the process necessary for selecting the Preferred Program Alternative and articulating the basis of that decision.

Action: Information Item

CALFED Agencies

California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service